



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN EXCESS FUND GRANT TO THE CITY OF CARSON FOR
THE HEMINGWAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SECOND DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Carson for general improvements to Hemingway Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed Project involves restoration of deteriorated or damaged structures, replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the proposed Project.
2. Allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Carson for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director

of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the City of Carson in the amount of \$253,000 for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to the procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Carson (City) for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project consists of general improvements to Hemingway Park, including refurbishment of the community building, snack bar, and outdoor recreational area improvements. The overall Project cost is estimated at \$365,100. The recommended \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$112,100 from the City's General Fund.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the Project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the City in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$253,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a Project Agreement in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed Project. The City of Carson is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301(d) and 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c) and 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project involves restoration of deteriorated or damaged structures, and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the City may proceed with the proposed Project in the Second Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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County Counsel
Chief Executive Office